Increase in Foreign tourist traffic

1568. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tourist traffic from abroad has registered an increase during the last two months; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Foreign tourist arrivals excluding the nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh, increased by 17.4 per cent during December, 1985 and by 17.3 per cent during January, 1986 as compared to the corresponding months of the previous years.

Grant of Rs. 100 crores for Slum Improvement in Bombay

1569. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister had announced in Bombay during the Congress Centenary Celebrations that about Rs. 100 crores would be provided for the improvement of slums in Bombay;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Planning Commission is reluctant to allocate the same amount; and

(c) what is the progress in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government of India will provide non-Plan assistance of Rs. 100 crores to Maharashtra for the slum improvement programme in Bombay during the Seventh Plan period.

Export of Cotton Bales

1570. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the cotton bales exports quota for the current year in respect of the Cotton Corporation of India, Maharashtra and Gujarat;

(b) what is the quantity of cotton bales purchased by CCI, Maharashtra Cotton Monopoly Scheme and Gujarat during each of the last three years; and

(c) whether there is any demand for the sanction of more cotton bales for export from Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) The information is as under:—

Name of the Agency	Quantity (in bales)
The Cotton Corporation of India.	4,00,000
The Maharashtra State Cooperative Cotton Growers Marketing Federation. . . .	1,30,000
Gujarat State Cooperative Cotton Federation. . . .	70,000

In addition to the above quota, a quantity of 1,80,000 bales of cotton for export has been placed at the disposal of the Textile Commissioner for distribution amongst the State Cooperative Marketing Federations, during the current cotton year.

(b) The purchases made by the Cotton Corporation of India during